

JUDGE GRIESA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

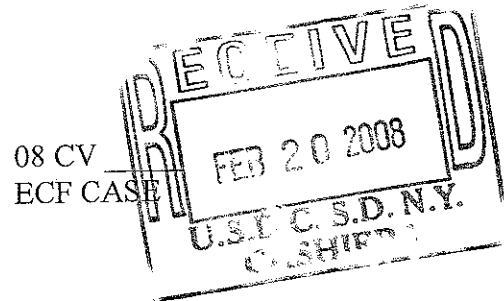
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FELIX MARITIME PTE LTD.

Plaintiff,

- against -

MINERVA SHIPPING & TRADING

Defendant.
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Felix Maritime Pte Ltd ("Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Tisdale Law Offices LLC, as and for its Verified Complaint against the Defendant, Minerva Shipping & Trading, ("Defendant"), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
2. At all material times to this action, Plaintiff was a foreign company duly organized and operating under foreign law with an office and place of business in Singapore and was the Disponent Owner of the M/V NIRMAL BHUSHAN ("Vessel").
3. Upon information and belief, at all material times, Defendant was a foreign corporation or other business entity organized and existing under foreign law with an office and place of business in Monrovia, and was the Time Charterer of the Vessel.
4. By a time charter party dated October 11, 2007, the Plaintiff chartered the Vessel to the Defendant for one time charter trip of "about 50-70 days durations without guarantee, trading via safe berths(s), safe port(s), safe anchorages(s), always afloat, always accessible, always within IWL."

5. The charter party required the Charterer to “pay for use and hire of the said Vessel at the rate of USD 40,000.-daily including overtime . . . commencing on and from the day of her delivery, as aforesaid . . . hire to continue until the hour of the day of her re-delivery . . . unless otherwise mutually agreed.”

6. Pursuant to the terms of the charter party, the Charterer loaded a cargo of bagged rice in Thailand, for discharge in Iraq. The charter party riders allowed for Iraq destination with the caveat for a “maximum 7 days stay in war zone. In case total stays exceed 7 days, Charterers to pay US\$1,500.-per day or part thereof.”

7. During the course of the performance of the charter, certain disputes arose between the Plaintiff and Defendant regarding the Defendant’s breaches of the charter party agreement including failure to pay outstanding charter hire due and owing to the Plaintiff which resulted in charges against the Owner which are the responsibility of the Charterer.

8. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of the charter party contract, Plaintiff has sustained damages in the total principal amount of **\$1,895,276.40** exclusive of interest, arbitration costs and attorney’s fees.

9. The charter party provided that any disputes arising thereunder shall be referred to Arbitration in Singapore with English law to apply.

10. Plaintiff has already commenced arbitration in Singapore pursuant to the terms of the charter party.

11. Despite due demand, Defendant has failed to pay the amounts due to Plaintiff under the charter party.

12. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in arbitration pursuant to English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts:

A.	Principal claim:	\$1,895,276.40
B.	Estimated interest on claims: 3 years at 6.5%, compounded quarterly	\$404,466.35
C.	Estimated fees and costs: (£200,000 converted to USD)	\$392,104.00
Total		\$2,691,846.75

13. The Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of garnishees within the District which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

14. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching, *inter alia*, any property of the Defendant held by any garnishees within the District for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, to compel arbitration and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Complaint, failing which default judgment be entered against it in the sum of **\$2,691,846.75**.

B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds up to the amount of **\$2,691,846.75** belonging to, due or being transferred to, from, or for the benefit of the Defendant, including but not limited to such property as may be held, received or transferred in Defendant's name or as may be held, received or transferred for its benefit at, moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking/financial institutions and/or other institutions or such other garnishees to be named, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Complaint;

C. That pursuant to 9 U.S.C. §§201 et seq. this Court recognize and confirm any Singapore arbitration award in Plaintiff's favor against the Defendant as a judgment of this Court;

D. That this Court award Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action; and

E. That the Plaintiff has such other, further and different relief as the Court deems just, proper and equitable.

Dated: February 20, 2008
New York, NY

The Plaintiff,
FELIX MARITIME PTE LTD

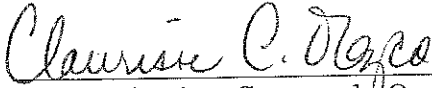
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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

State of New York)
) ss.: City of New York
County of New York)

1. My name is Claurisse Campanale-Orozco.
2. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.
3. I am an Associate in the firm of Tisdale Law Offices, LLC, attorneys for the Plaintiff.
4. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
5. The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now within this District.
6. The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents and/or representatives of the Plaintiff.
7. I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated: February 20, 2008
 New York, NY



Claurisse Campanale-Orozco